

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**For: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR ACCELERATED DATA  
STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1 of the specification, please add the following paragraph after the Title of the invention:

**– Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This application is a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/481,243, filed on January 11, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference and which is a

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date of July 28, 2003 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EV329488512US addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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